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TAGS: EAIR, KU

SUBJ: IMPROPER CLEARANCE, UNIVERSAL AVIATION

1. IN CONVERSATION ON LEASING PROBLEMS (SEPTTEL), TECHNICAL
ADVISOR TO GOK DIRECTOR GENERAL, CIVIL AVIATION (DGCA) CITED
EXAMPLE OF IMPROPER CLEARANCE CAUSING NUMEROUS PROBLEMS FOR
KUWAIT AIRPORT OPERATIONS. LOCKHEED CONSTEPLATION L-1049
(NO. N11SR), CHARTERED BY U.S. FIRM, INSTANT GUILD, OVERSEAS,
LANDED JUNE 28, 1000 GMT IN KUWAIT ON TRIP FROM ATHENS CARRYING
11 TONS OF PREFAB BUILDINGS. FLIGHT DID NOT HAVE PROPER
CLEARANCE, JUST CABLE FROM CHARTER OPERATOR UNIVERSAL AVIATION,
REQUESTING PERMISSION TO LAND. CONSIGNEE WAS NOTED IN CABLE AS
AL-SABAHIR TRADING CO., BUT DGCA IS UNAWARE THAT SUCH COMPANY
EXISTS (EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO FIND ANY REFERENCE TO COMPANY.
PILOT (CPT. BAKER) AND TWO CREWMEN, DISAPPEARED SOON AFTER
LANDING. DGCA HAS ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT UNIVERSIAL AVIATION AT
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ONLY ADDRESS PROVIDED (CABLE KHOUUV) BUT IS SO FAR UNSUCCESSFUL.
PLANE IS TAKING UP SPACE AND MUST SOON BE MOVED TO "STORAGE",
ACTUALLY TO UNPROTECTED DESERT SITE.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY AVAILABLE
INFORMATION FROM ACTION POSTS ON ADDRESS OF UNIVERSAL AVIATION,
FOR TRANSMITTAL TO DIRECTOR-GENERAL, CIVIL AVIATION TO
FACILITATE CONTACT. MAESTRONE

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